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**Title:** GLOBAL: The right education

**Link:** <http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090725/PERSONALFINANCE/707249876/-1/NEWS>

**Summary:** Education in the UAE, as Mr Noronha has discovered, has its price. He says tuition would have been between a third and two-thirds lower if he had decided to study in his home country. Nevertheless, many prefer to go abroad.

Julia Drew-Watt, from the education marketing group at Foreign Affairs and International Trade Canada, said, in general, that Canada's fees were lower than those in some competitor countries. "In Manitoba the costs are quite low – less than Can\$8,000 a year for international students."

The Canadian government estimates the total annual cost of higher education in the country, including tuition fees, is about Can\$23,500.

**Date:** July 25, 2009

**Source:** The National

**Title:** USA: Iraq to send students to colleges in US, abroad

**Link:** [http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hyAsJZ4\\_vFlybY8EiSAyAhZTJgIQD99LMUCO0](http://www.google.com/hostednews/ap/article/ALeqM5hyAsJZ4_vFlybY8EiSAyAhZTJgIQD99LMUCO0)

**Summary:** Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki said Saturday his country plans to send up to 10,000 Iraqi students per year to colleges in the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Australia over the next five years as a part of a new scholarship program.

The Iraqi government is funding the scholarship program, which covers tuition, fees and room and board. The awards will allow students to earn bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees. They can pick their area of study, but are encouraged to go into engineering, education and business, among other fields. The students are then expected to return to Iraq after graduating.

**Date:** July 25, 2009

**Source:** Associated Press

**Title:** UK: Vocational + higher education = success

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090724102502608>

**Summary:** Students that combine vocational education with academic studies are nearly as successful at gaining entry to and completing the first year of higher education as those with general academic qualifications, a new study has found.

The study revealed that students from vocational backgrounds tended to be in institutions with fewer resources and in institutions that "carried less weight" in the labour market. Their experience of higher education was also often complex and difficult, and many felt they were not properly prepared at school or college for what was expected of them at university.

**Date:** July 26, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** AUSTRALIA: International education at crossroads

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=2009072410223878>

**Summary:** Despite changes to Australia's immigration rules that have slashed the number of foreign students obtaining permanent residency, enrolments continue to grow. A new report says the education export industry has yet to realise how serious the situation is.

The government is encouraging local entrants to the labour market to take on trainee positions, including in hospitality, but they are facing competition from thousands of foreign students trying to gain the 900 hours of work experience they must have to gain accreditation for immigration purposes.

**Date:** July 26, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** AUSTRALIA: The need for moral wisdom

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090724101520645>

**Summary:** The number of domestic quota places that a university gets is determined by the number it received the previous year. This system is designed to protect unpopular courses and institutions. Every university - no matter how run-down its facilities, no matter how well or how badly it treats its students, no matter whether its graduates find jobs or not. Rejected students go to their second choice institution or third and so on until they find a place somewhere.

The quota system guarantees that every institution winds up with students. This gives universities little incentive to improve. Why should they bother to improve when they know that they will wind up with students anyway?

**Date:** July 26, 2009

**Source:** University World News

**Title:** CHINA: Some universities 'fudge' student jobs data

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090724101034703>

**Summary:** Some Chinese universities have inflated graduate employment figures by issuing bogus work contracts as millions struggle to find work amid the downturn, an official newspaper said last Tuesday, reports *Reuters*.

The financial crisis has intensified the problem of graduate unemployment, which stems from rapidly increasing enrolment at Chinese universities, many of which fail to adequately train their graduates.

The *China Daily* said some universities, particularly second tier ones, had been "faking" work contracts or employment agreements for graduates to fudge employment rates and deliver satisfactory performance reports to officials.

**Date:** July 26, 2009

**Source:** Reuters (<http://www.reuters.com/article/lifestyleMolt/idUSTRE56K1IE20090721>) via University World News

**Title:** KOREA: Promoting Korean studies abroad

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090724100510240>

**Summary:** Korean studies programmes have been growing steadily in number reports *The Chosun Ilbo*. In 1990 there were only 152 universities in 32 countries offering courses in Korean studies, but by 2006 the number had increased fivefold to 735 universities in 62 countries. This is thanks to the efforts of the Korea Foundation, which has worked to expand the overseas base of Korean studies since its establishment in 1992.

Scholars in Korean studies offered differing views on how to provide support for the expansion of Korean studies overseas in a seminar held by the Korea Foundation this month.

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**Source:** The Chosun Ilbo ([http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html\\_dir/2009/07/18/2009071800169.html](http://english.chosun.com/site/data/html_dir/2009/07/18/2009071800169.html)) via University World News

**Title:** KUWAIT: Students at discredited universities to be moved

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090724100241518>

**Summary:** A Ministry of Education committee formed to look into the suspension of the accreditation of a number of Indian and Filipino universities has reportedly issued a preliminary decision to transfer the students at these institutions to other accredited universities abroad, reports the *Kuwait Times*.

The ministry is committed to finding a solution for all the affected students, said the official, adding that the committee is set to hold a number of meetings before arriving at a final solution which can be presented to the Minister of Education.

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**Source:** Kuwait Times ([http://www.kuwaittimes.net/read\\_news.php?newsid=MTMwMzY1MjE3OA==](http://www.kuwaittimes.net/read_news.php?newsid=MTMwMzY1MjE3OA==)) via University World News

**Title:** **YEMEN: Licenses of new private universities cancelled**

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090724100154692>

**Summary:** The Ministry of Higher Education has cancelled licences for establishing new universities and colleges, due to the large number of schools - 25 private universities and colleges - that are already in operation in the capital Sana'a, according to a report issued by the Ministry of Higher Education, writes Abdul-Aziz Oudah in the *Yemen Observer*.

The Ministry also closed down 11 study programmes in Yemeni universities because of labour market saturation in the fields the programmes were preparing students for.

**Date:** July 26, 2009

**Source:** Yemen Observer (<http://www.yobserver.com/front-page/10016869.html>) via University World News

**Title:** **UAE: Downturn triggers university scramble**

**Link:** <http://www.universityworldnews.com/article.php?story=20090724095830842>

**Summary:** Universities have seen a sharp jump in applications as people turn to education to help their careers survive the economic downturn, reports Daniel Bardsley for *The National*.

Academics said the increase was to be expected in the current difficult employment climate, with people choosing to bolster their CVs in preparation for better times.

The UAE has 59 higher education institutions with courses accredited by the Ministry of Higher Education and Scientific Research, plus dozens of other universities in free zones in Dubai and Ras al Khaimah. More than 55,000 students attend university here.

**Date:** July 26, 2009

**Source:** The National (<http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090719/NATIONAL/707189854/1133>) via University World News

**Title:** **AUSTRALIA: Cheating alleged in immigration exams**

**Link:** <http://www.smh.com.au/national/cheating-alleged-in-immigration-exams-20090725-dwsj.html>

**Summary:** Australia's largest international student service, IDP Australia, is investigating possible corruption among its staff after students in Sydney were caught cheating on English exams the service conducts for the Department of Immigration.

A source in the Sydney Indian community said education agents had been selling copies of the May International English Language Testings System exam for between \$12,000 and \$18,000.

He said advance copies of the exam had come from inside IDP Australia, a company owned by 38 Australian universities in partnership with the job site Seek, and were being sold throughout Sydney.

**Date:** July 26, 2009

**Source:** The Sydney Morning Herald

**Title:** **UK: 'Teething troubles' over visas**

**Link:** <http://www.google.com/hostednews/ukpress/article/ALeqM5goQJdAnRRI609NZqK7Zh3e2K8M3Q>

**Summary:** Ministers are re-examining the new visa regulations for foreign students following concerns that the system is facing "teething troubles", Lord Mandelson has said.

Universities UK (UUK), which represents vice-chancellors, said a survey of its members conducted in May had shown that in Japan and Hong Kong there were reports of five or six-week delays, and that at the start there was a refusal rate of 80% in China. It said it believed the situation had now improved, but the peak period for applications has not yet been reached.

**Date:** July 27, 2009

**Source:** Press Association

**Title:** 🇮🇷 Iran surpasses China as uAlberta's top source for foreign students

**Link:** <http://www.academicagroup.ca/node/8107>

**Summary:** For the fall 2009 term, applications to the University of Alberta from foreign countries have increased by nearly 40%, and for the first time, Iran has surpassed China as the university's #1 source for international students.

One university executive observes that schools with growing reputations such as uAlberta stand to benefit most when recruiting international students as the job market uncertainly, felt worldwide, has prompted individuals to place more value on education credentials.

**Date:** July 28, 2009

**Source:** Edmonton Journal (<http://www.edmontonjournal.com/news/iranian+students+look+Edmonton/1830317/story.html>) via Academica Group

**Title:** TURKEY: Turkish education hits new minefield

**Link:** <http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090729/FOREIGN/707289884>

**Summary:** The latest row erupted last week when the High Education Board, or YOK, decided to scrap regulations that made it difficult for graduates of vocational high schools to enter universities.

It has reopened a bitter debate that revolves around whether the ruling Justice and Development Party, or AKP, is trying to change Turkey into an Islamist state by opening the education system for religious radicals, a charge the government denies.

The reason is that among the schools that will profit from the new conditions are around 500 so-called Imam Hatip schools, state vocational schools for the education of imams and other religious offices.

**Date:** July 28, 2009

**Source:** The National

**Title:** AUSTRALIA: 'Desperate' students demand education changes

**Link:** <http://www.abc.net.au/news/stories/2009/07/29/2639291.htm?section=justin>

**Summary:** The abrupt closure of a private college in Sydney yesterday came close on the heels of fresh controversy over the treatment of Indian students in Australia. Another private education provider, Melbourne International College, closed earlier this month.

Last night some of the students sought answers at a meeting with government representatives, local council workers and lawyers. They were told by the Australian Council for Private Education and Training that they will be enrolled in suitable courses at another private college as soon as possible.

But the students at last night's meeting told AM they no longer trust the private colleges that compete for their business.

**Date:** July 29, 2009

**Source:** ABC News

**Title:** PAKISTAN: PAK calls its own back

**Link:** <http://www.higher-edge.com/inst/ooV-V08-No.26.php#002>

**Summary:** For most Pakistanis, study abroad is seen as a one-way street. Fears about the economy, politics and safety have most who leave, not considering coming back.

Pakistan's Ministry of Youth Affairs (MoYA) plans to induct fresh graduates under its National Internship Programme may help allay these fears. The MoYA has already provided employment opportunities to 22,000 young graduates.

The scheme hopes to provide enough financial relief to new graduates and may act as an incentive to Pakistani students studying abroad wishing to return home once they graduate.

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**Source:** The International News (<http://www.thenews.com.pk/print1.asp?id=188178>) via Higher Edge

<b>Title:</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: Australia can't stop the presses. More bad news in India</b>	
<b>Link:</b>	<a href="http://www.higher-edge.com/inst/ooV-V08-No.26.php#002">http://www.higher-edge.com/inst/ooV-V08-No.26.php#002</a>	
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>Strong and sensational criticism of studying in Australia is once again splashing about on front pages and filling up hours on India's myriad of all news TV channels.</p> <p>This time the headline story is an Australian reporter of Indian decent, claiming to have been threatened and then assaulted for her investigation into student visa fraud and exploitation of Indians. ABC-TV in Australia reports from 3 to 5,000 USD is being charged for obtaining fake work certificates and English test scores.</p> <p>While it may be "undercover" journalism in Australia, visa fraud of this kind is commonplace and common knowledge in India.</p>	
<b>Date:</b>	July 29, 2009	<b>Source:</b> Times of India ( <a href="http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/World/Indians-Abroad/Australian-college-dupes-Indian-students-pursuing-aviation-course/articleshow/4828324.cms">http://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/NEWS/World/Indians-Abroad/Australian-college-dupes-Indian-students-pursuing-aviation-course/articleshow/4828324.cms</a> ) via Higher Edge

<b>Title:</b>	<b>AUSTRALIA: Australian Recruiters See Drop in Interest From India</b>	
<b>Link:</b>	<a href="http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Australian-Recruiters-See-Drop/7514/?utm_source=at&amp;utm_medium=en">http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Australian-Recruiters-See-Drop/7514/?utm_source=at&amp;utm_medium=en</a>	
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>A severe fall in applications from Indian students for training diplomas and certificates would lead to widespread closures in the vocational sector of the type seen in Sydney and Melbourne over the past fortnight.</p> <p>IDP chief executive Tony Pollock yesterday conceded that a "head-count" survey conducted late last month had revealed an 80 per cent decline in visits from prospective students to the organization's Indian offices.</p> <p>Mr Pollock, however, told The Australian that the 80 per cent decline in "foot traffic" would not translate into an equivalent fall in enrolment applications unless the trend continued through the key recruitment months of September and October.</p>	
<b>Date:</b>	July 29, 2009	<b>Source:</b> The Australian ( <a href="http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25855642-601,00.html">http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25855642-601,00.html</a> ) via The Chronicle of Higher Education

<b>Title:</b>	<b>UAE: Lack of Tenure Cited as Major Concern for Foreign Academics in United Arab Emirates</b>	
<b>Link:</b>	<a href="http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Lack-of-Tenure-Cited-as-Major/7515/?utm_source=at&amp;utm_medium=en">http://chronicle.com/blogPost/Lack-of-Tenure-Cited-as-Major/7515/?utm_source=at&amp;utm_medium=en</a>	
<b>Summary:</b>	<p>A lack of long-term job security for foreign academics at the country's public universities is "seriously hindering" the recruitment and retention of top talent, a new survey suggests.</p> <p>However, many academics are content with their salaries, and complaints about a lack of academic freedom are not enough to make them leave the country, the as yet unpublished research from Zayed and UAE universities found.</p> <p>"If Gulf countries are serious about building world-class capacity in their academic environment these issues will need to be addressed," the report said. The vast majority of academics in the country are foreigners.</p>	
<b>Date:</b>	July 29, 2009	<b>Source:</b> The National ( <a href="http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090726/NATIONAL/707259946/1019">http://www.thenational.ae/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20090726/NATIONAL/707259946/1019</a> ) via The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** UK: Visa fraud, bogus colleges and real students

**Link:** <http://www.international.ac.uk/resources/International%20Focus%20issue%2043%2029.07.pdf>

**Summary:** Last week the Commons Home Affairs Committee published a report on 'Bogus Colleges', which was inspired by the arrests of Pakistanis in April, none of whom was proven to be a terrorist but eight of whom were here on student visas obtained through a bogus college.

The assumption in the media is that tough visa rules deter overseas students. But if the tipping point is not reached, tough rules can make a destination more attractive to the best talent and can thereby enhance a country's competitive edge. The principles of good regulation should include proportionality, consistency, clarity and fairness.

**Date:** July 29, 2009

**Source:** International Focus

**Title:** UK: Double and Joint Degree Programmes: Double the benefit or double counting?

**Link:** <http://www.international.ac.uk/resources/International%20Focus%20issue%2043%2029.07.pdf>

**Summary:** International joint, double and combined degree programs have an important role in the current landscape of higher education and will likely be more numerous and influential in the coming years.

These programs are built on the principle of deep academic collaboration and bring important benefits to individuals, institutions, national and regional education systems. The interest in them is exploding but so is confusion about what they mean and involve.

An important question is which level of accreditation is the best route for international collaborative programs - national, regional or international?

**Date:** July 29, 2009

**Source:** International Focus

**Title:** UK: UK joint ventures may lead to mergers

**Link:** <http://www.theaustralian.news.com.au/story/0,25197,25848560-12332,00.html>

**Summary:** Mergers between Australian and British universities could prove to be a winning formula as they struggle to survive in an increasingly competitive global market, a top British lawyer has told the HES.

Glynne Stanfield, a partner and head of international education at Eversheds, a leading international law firm and legal adviser to University College London when it established a campus in Adelaide late last year, said there was nothing under British law to stop such a merger.

In the short term, however, "the creation of joint-venture vehicles to operate a discrete brand on behalf of those institutions" was more likely, he said.

**Date:** July 29, 2009

**Source:** The Australian

**Title:** AUSTRALIA: Unease grows among Indians in Oz as colleges face crack down

**Link:** <http://economictimes.indiatimes.com/News/News-By-Industry/Unease-grows-among-Indians-in-Oz-as-colleges-face-crack-down/articleshow/4833063.cms>

**Summary:** Unease is growing among thousands of Indian students that they could lose their college berths as Australian authorities crack down after an expose that most of these institutions are "very much sub-standard".

Students' group claimed that more than 1000 international students, mainly Indians, were already in a limbo as a number of colleges where they were enrolled in had closed down and the number could go up as high as 5000.

Deputy Prime Minister and Education Minister Julia Gillard today sought to allay the unease, assuring the students that in case of the closure of their colleges they would be shifted to other establishments or their fees refunded.

**Date:** July 29, 2009

**Source:** The Economic Times

**Title:** ♦ **International Students Studying In BC Report Satisfying Education Experience**

**Link:** <http://www.academica.ca/node/8127>

**Summary:** According to a new online survey of foreign students attending public PSE institutions in BC, 90% of respondents rated the quality of education in the province as an important factor for deciding to study there.

71% reported being satisfied or very satisfied with the quality of their education, and more than two-thirds said they were satisfied or very satisfied with their school. Nearly two-thirds said they would recommend their school to others. 32% of those surveyed plan to further their education in BC, and 54% intend to work in the province after completing their studies.

**Date:** July 30, 2009

**Source:** British Columbia News Release ([http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news\\_releases\\_2009-2013/2009ALMD0005-000161.htm](http://www2.news.gov.bc.ca/news_releases_2009-2013/2009ALMD0005-000161.htm)) via Academica Group

**Title:** **USA: Foreign-Student Enrollments Are Likely to Climb, but Trouble May Lie Ahead**

**Link:** <http://chronicle.com/article/Foreign-Student-Enrollments/47514/>

**Summary:** Despite economic turmoil worldwide, the number of international students coming to the United States this fall is likely to show a modest increase, according to colleges contacted by *The Chronicle* and visa figures provided by the U.S. Department of State.

Still, some international educators said they are concerned that international enrolments could fall off in future years. They fear that shrinking budgets could reduce the amount of money for graduate-student stipends and that depleted savings could leave overseas families unable to afford American college tuition.

**Date:** July 30, 2009

**Source:** The Chronicle of Higher Education

**Title:** **UK: Rivalry heats up but Malaysian students prefer British brand**

**Link:** <http://www.timeshighereducation.co.uk/story.asp?sectioncode=26&storycode=407545&c=1>

**Summary:** Universities in the UK will maintain or even increase their numbers of Malaysian students in the face of growing international competition, attracting as many as 12,000 by 2015, according to a report commissioned by the British Council.

"The key issue for Malaysian students is employability," said Pat Killingley, director of educational services at the British Council. "So the message for UK institutions is the value of British qualifications in terms of students' employment prospects and careers. That is where we have an edge."

The report will be available to buy from September at: [www.britishcouncil.org/eumd](http://www.britishcouncil.org/eumd).

**Date:** July 30, 2009

**Source:** Times Higher Education

**Title:** **M Manitoba forecast looks good**

**Link:** <http://www.winnipegfreepress.com/business/manitoba-forecast-looks-good-52167097.html>

**Summary:** The Conference Board of Canada predicts Manitoba will be one of four provinces to skirt a recession, with a real GDP growth of 0.8% for 2009. It said the Canadian economy should rebound with growth of 2.7% next year, while Manitoba should ring up a more modest 1.8% gain.

Though that's good news, University of Manitoba economist John McCallum said it's too early to do cartwheels down the streets of Winnipeg. As a couple of years ago, Manitoba was enjoying economic growth of more than 3%, so a slowdown to only 1.8% is going to create real challenges for the provincial government.

**Date:** July 31, 2009

**Source:** The Winnipeg Free Press

**Title:** AUSTRALIA: India is losing interest in our universities, say agents

**Link:** <http://www.smh.com.au/national/india-is-losing-interest-in-our-universities-say-agents-20090730-e32w.html>

**Summary:** Australia's elite universities are set to pay a high price for the Indian student crisis as middle-class parents, concerned for their children's safety, opt for degree courses in Britain, New Zealand, the United States and Canada.

Two months of media reports about attacks on young Indians and allegations of rampant racism in Australian suburbs are having a serious impact, Indian education agents say.

Official figures for last month did not show any decline in the overall number of Indian students arriving in Australia. However, education agents are a bellwether of future enrolments.

**Date:** July 31, 2009

**Source:** The Sydney Morning Herald